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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons
All County DAC Coordinators

Letter No.: 95-14

SPECIAL LIST OF DISABLED ADULT CHILD(REN) (DAC)

The purpose of this letter is to distribute to some counties a special list (330 names) of potential DACs (dual records) who need to be evaluated for the DAC program for an ongoing and retroactive period. These individuals are dual record DACs because they are eligible for Title II income both on their parent's and their own record. Not all counties are receiving this list because some counties do not have any potential DAC names on the list. We are also enclosing Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System screen prints for some of the individuals on the DAC list that have new addresses for you to contact via letter.

The retroactive period extends back to the date the potential DAC last had Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary program (SSI/SSP) benefits. However, counties will not have to redetermine DAC eligibility for any month in which the potential DAC already received zero share-of-cost Medi-Cal such as that under the Pickle program or as a result of eligibility for SSI/SSP. If you do not process these individuals as DACs, be sure to note their potential DAC status in the case record for later review.

The procedures for determining DAC eligibility are found in Section 6-1 and 6-2 of the Pickle Handbook. However, counties rather than the Department of Health Services will distribute the following forms, as appropriate (MC 239, MC 210, SAWS 1, MC 13, and MC 219), to these potential DACs. Generally, all these forms will be necessary for individuals not currently on Medi-Cal. We have developed a sample cover letter (enclosed) you may wish to send the potential DAC beneficiaries with the above forms.

These individuals are DAC income eligible if their Title II and outside income does not exceed the appropriate SSI/SSP payment level, for example \$614.40 for a single individual who is not blind.

The amount received from the parent's record is DAC Title II income; the amount received from the individual's own record is not DAC income. You can obtain the amount of both the DAC Title II income and his/her own Title II income from an award letter or through a TPQY query to the Social Security Administration (SSA). When querying SSA, use both the DAC "C" number ("CAN") and the "MEDS ID" number listed on the DAC list. Both numbers must appear on the TPQY form in order for two separate payments to be shown on the TPQY query response form. On the TPQY response, check the "Payment Status Code," "T1," this means death of the recipient. A "No Match" listed at the bottom of the TPQY query response indicates a need to call SSA for more information.

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Disregard the income received on their parent's record, that is, the DAC Title II income. However, you must count the income received on the potential DAC's own record. Those whose own Title II income and/or other outside income, e.g. Veteran's income, exceeds the appropriate SSI/SSP payment level, e.g. \$614.40 for a single person who is not blind, are ineligible for the DAC program.

If a person is determined DAC eligible during the retroactive period before the DAC aid codes were operational (December 1, 1994), please use the Pickle aid codes 16, 26, or 66. If a person is determined DAC eligible after the DAC codes were operational, please use the DAC aid codes 6A or 6C.

Please follow the directions on Section 6-1, "The DAC Report" regarding contacting each person to "determine if assistance is needed in completing the application process". Try to locate a current address for those whose address is not correct. Also, be sure to retain the DAC list for future reference.

If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Finberg of my staff at (916) 657-0080.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

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Date

County Welfare Department
Address

To: Potential Disabled Adult Child Beneficiaries:

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has notified us that you may be eligible for zero share-of-cost Medi-Cal as a possible Disabled Adult Child (DAC). In order to become classified as a DAC, you will need to complete the enclosed forms and return them to the county welfare department (CWD) listed below. If you need help filling out the forms, the CWD will assist you.

You do not need to be classified as a DAC for any month in which you already received zero share-of-cost Medi-Cal under another program such as the Pickle program or because you received Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP). There are no additional benefits to the DAC program if you already receive zero share-of-cost Medi-Cal.

We will be evaluating your DAC eligibility for the month(s) of _____.

Be sure to complete the enclosed forms and mail them to the CWD listed below:

County Welfare Department
Address
Telephone Number

Sincerely,